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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-11 and 13-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.